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FOR S/P: LAKE; EMBASSIES FOR LANCASTER AND BUTLER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECON

SUBJECT: US ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA

REF: A) STATE 182774 (NOTAL), B) DAR ES SALAAM 2927 (NOTAL),
C) STATE 164983

1. AS INDICATED REF B, WE ARE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THINKING THAT HAS BEEN DONE (REF C) TO DEVELOP FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY FOR AFRICA AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT PROJECT IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. HOWEVER, I AM NOT SURE THERE IS MUCH TO BE GAINED FROM AUGUST 4-9 VISIT TO TANZANIA PROPOSED REF A. BEFORE I MAKE A DECISION ON IT, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF AND REACTION TO THE FOLLOWING.

2. TIMING IS BAD FOR US. ACTING DCM IS EXPECTED TO DEPART ON AUGUST 6. PREVIOUS, EXPERIENCED ECONOMIC OFFICER HAS ALREADY LEFT AND HIS REPLACEMENT, IF HERE AT ALL, WILL HAVE HAD ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAY OR TWO ON JOB. NEW DEPUTY AID DIRECTOR WILL NOT BE HERE YET. I MAY HAVE TO BE OUT OF DAR ES SALAAM FOR AT LEAST PART OF PERIOD. AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE TANGOV OFFICIALS IS UNCERTAIN. WHILE MEETINGS WITH SOME TANGOV OFFICIALS AND VISITS TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OUTSIDE DAR ES SALAAM WOULD BE POSSIBLE, TWO AND A HALF WORKING DAYS IN PROPOSED VISIT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR MUCH COVERAGE, NOR CAN WE THINK OF ANY SPECIFIC PROJECT WHICH

WOULD ILLUSTRATE MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST AS SET FORTH REF A. (IF
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DETAIL IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT POLICY THESIS,
EMBASSY HAS ALREADY OFFERED IN REF B, PARA 11, TO SUPPLY IT ON
REQUEST.)

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE COULD BE UTILITY TO VISIT IF
TRAVELLERS: (A) FEEL THEY WOULD BENEFIT SIGNIFICANTLY FROM SOME-
THING AKIN TO A FAMILIARIZATION STOP WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM SOME
KIND OF THIRD DIMENSIONAL FEEL FOR THIS UNUSUAL COUNTRY, AND
(B) WERE PREPARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE LIMITATIONS WHICH OUR
DEPLETED PERSONNEL AND LOGISTICS SITUATION WOULD REGRETTABLY,
PLACE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES HERE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. (CABLES WE HAVE HERE DO NOT INDICATE
LANCASTER-BUTLER WHEREABOUTS BETWEEN JULY 19-JULY 25.)
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